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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE: PCT/EP00/22335  
International Filing Date: August 12, 2000  
Priority Date Claimed: August 16, 1999  
Applicant: Bannai et al.  
Title: PROCESS FOR FORMING A PHOSPHATE CONVERSION COATING ON METAL  
Applicants' Reference: M 6741 PCT/US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above referenced application, please enter the following Amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, enter the following new paragraph:

A1  
This application claims priority from International Application No. PCT/US00/22335, filed 16 August 2000 and published in English, and Japanese Application No. H11-230060, filed 16 August 1999.

Page 28, line 1, amend to read as follows:

What is claimed is:

Enter page 30 as the Abstract of the Disclosure.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

- A2
1. (Amended) A process for forming a phosphate conversion coating on a metal substrate surface, said process comprising the following operations: